

Events of a Year.

Story of an Important Period in the History of the World Briefly Told.

An Account of Our War with Spain.

Brief Mention of Financial Failures, Starting Calamities and Other News of Year — Politics and Sport.

The Spanish-American War.

Feb. 9—U. S. demands recall of Spanish minister Dupuy de Lome for vulgar criticisms of Pres. McKinley.
15—Battalion Maine (costing \$2,484,000) blown up in Havana harbor, 225 men and 2 officers perished.
17—Pres. McKinley appoints naval board to investigate Maine disaster.
Mar. 5—Pres. McKinley refuses Spain's request for recall of Consul-General Lee at Havana.
9—Lee signs bill appropriating \$60,000,000 for national defense which Congress had unanimously passed... U. S. cruiser Montgomerie replaces Maine at Havana.
14—U. S. buys at London 2 Brazilian warships.
22—Maine court of inquiry reports explosion was from outside.
26—Seale ordered to command flying squadron at Hampton Roads.
29—Spain notified hostilities in Cuba must cease.
Apr. 1—Pres. declines French offer of mediation.
8—Consul-General Lee leaves Havana.
11—President's message on Cuban question sent to Congress.
18—Senate by a vote of 42 to 35, and house, 310 to 6, adopt joint resolution for Cuban independence, demanding withdrawal of Spain's forces from Cuba, and authorizing pres. to use land and naval forces to carry resolution into effect.
20—Pres. signs war resolutions... Ultimatum issued to Spain to evacuate Cuba... Spanish minister demands and receives his passports and leaves Washington.
21—Minister Woodford given his transports without being allowed to present U. S. ultimatum.
22—Sampson's fleet arrives off coast of Cuba, and blockading proclamation issued.
First gun of the war fired by gunboat Nashville in capturing the prize Buena Ventura... Armistice in Cuba ended.
23—Pres. calls for 125,000 two-year volunteers.
25—Why with Spain is declared by Congress to have existed since Apr. 21.
29—Cervera's fleet sails for Cuba.
May 1—Commodore Dewey destroys entire Spanish fleet in Manila bay.
7—Pres. appoints Dewey acting admiral.
11—For Cardenas, Cuba; destroyed; English Bagley of the Winslow and 4 others killed.
12—Sampson's fleet bombards and reduces San Juan (Porto Rico) fortifications.
14—First relief expedition to Philippines leaves San Francisco under Maj. Gen. Merritt.
18—British Oregon arrives after long trip around Cape Horn.
19—Cervera's fleet enters Santiago harbor.
20—Fleet calls for 75,000 more volunteers.
Gen. Merritt takes command of Philippine forces and expeditions.
21—Hobson sinks Merrimac in Santiago harbor and is taken prisoner with 7 other volunteers.
22—Navy Guantanamo 600 marines landed under Col. Huntington.
23—Spanish fleet sails eastward from India.
24—Shafter's army lands near Santiago.
Spaniards driven back from Baiquiri.
25—Shafter captures Juragua... Roosevelt's rough riders and 10th cavalry sustain heavy loss, being caught in ambuscade.
Jul. 1—Lawton, Kent and rough riders take San Juan hill and E. Caney; losing 231 men, with 1,394 wounded; fleet bombardment Morro... War balloons make observations of Santiago.
26—Avalos' fleet sunk in attempting escape from Santiago harbor.
6—Watson's squadron ordered detached to call for Spanish coast.
Lieut. Hudson and 7 companions exchanged and given freedom.
8—Camaras' fleet after passing through Suez canal entered back to Spain.
17—Total surrenders to Shafter Santiago and eastern Cuba. Total loss in Cuban campaign reported to be 267 killed, 1,438 wounded.
21—Gen. Wood appointed military gov. of Santiago.
25—Mackay lands near Ponce, Porto Rico.
26—Spanish propose peace through French Ambassador Cambon.
31—Battle of Malate, near Manila.
Aug. 12—Peace protocol signed at Washington.

BANK FAILURES.

Jan. 17—P. C. Elwood, Ill., \$80,000.
24—Na. Ind. P. Co., Kan., suspended.
31—First national, La. more, N. D., \$71,754.
Feb. 24—14,000 of Southern Baltimore, \$176,000.
Mar. 15—Home savings, Sioux City, Ia., \$90,000... Benson savings, Waterford, Pa., \$10,000.
24—Bank of Merriam Park, St. Paul, Minn., Pa. state, Philadelphia, nearly \$1,000,000.
25—Inventors' Finance Co., Philadelphia, \$1,047,500.
Jun. 7—Delaware National, Dela., N. Y., \$25,000,000.
26—Thomas J. Kirby, private, Abilene, Kan., \$283,000.
20—Commercial, Marshalltown, Ia., \$59,474.
Northern National Co. compensated.
23—Iowa savings, Tawas City, Mich., liquidated.
Aug. 11—Bank of Waverly, Ia., \$430,667.
24—Iowa County, Preston, Iowa, \$125,000.
Sep. 14—D. F. Parsons, private, Burr Oak, Mich., \$100,000.
15—Lester, Atch., bank, \$35,000.
26—American United Forge, Va., liquidated, \$80,000.
Oct. 4—Tractional National at New York, \$2,000,000... the depositors—Lithuania, about \$1,800,000.
15—Clemons' metal, Oswego, N. Y., closed.
26—First national of Neigh, N. D., Hamlin, \$100,000... afternoon national of Pittsburgh, Pa., admitted, \$1,000,000.
21—First national of Gibson, O., capital \$100,000... closed, examined on Nov. 15.
26—Second national of Springfield, O., goes into liquidation.
Nov. 6—First national of Franklin, O., suspended.
15—First national of Peoria, Ill., closed.
26—Northern Minnesota, N. Y., closed.
27—First national of Toledo, O., suspended.

CRIMES.

The More atrocious Misdeeds, Special in Those of a Domestic Nature.

Jan. 6—At Greenville, Tenn., Alexander Carter (Chinese) kills wife, daughter and son.
17—New York, John Matthews, thievery, wife, 2 children and stepson.
21—Kalamazoo, Mich., George H. Langley shoots wife and son, James.
27—At Boston, E. Howard Clock & Watch Co., \$250,000.
Jan. 10—At Bangor, Me., L. B. Clark & Co., tanners, \$150,000.
13—At Chicago, Joseph Lester, gigantic wheat speculator.
16—At Boston, Woven Hose & Rubber Co., \$1,000,000.
Jul. 14—At Providence, R. I., John H. Mason & Sons, cotton manufacturers, \$80,000.
26—At Bridgeton, N. Y., Cumberland Nail & Iron Co.
27—Denver, Col., Paper Co.
30—At Boston, Hosmer, Codding & Co., boot & shoe dealers, \$200,000.
Sep. 20—New England Loan & Trust Co., at Des Moines, Ia., into receiver's hands.
Oct. 1—U. A. & J. Sawyer, woolen manufacturers, in Manchester, N. H., \$1,000,000.
6—Bankers' & Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., at Liberty, Mo., assured.
25—John Stephenson & Co., of N. Y., car-builders, failed for \$700,000.
Nov. 3—T. B. Ray, president of T. B. Ray Hardware Co., of Detroit, fails for \$1,500,000.
14—Turner & Jones Coal Co., and Penn. & Ohio Coal Co., of St. Paul Minn., go into receiver's hands. Liabilities, \$1,200,000.
17—Seidenberg, Steiff & Co., cigar dealer, in New York, fail for \$500,000.
25—At Woodbine, Kan., Grant C. Gillett, extensive cattle dealer, fail for \$1,000,000.
29—George Jenkins, New York builder, fails for \$70,388.

CASUALTIES.

Disasters of Various Kinds Which Resulted in Five or More Deaths.

Jan. 1—Jersey City, N. J., 6 in fire.
12—Fort Smith, Ark., 40 during tornado (90 were injured.)
Feb. 1—Gloverville, N. Y., 6 in burning hotel... On Massachusetts and Rhode Island coast, 40 drowned during storm.
6—Boston, 6 firemen at a fire.
9—Pittsburgh, Pa., 20 in a fire.
24—Fairfield county, S. C., 7 in forest fires.
26—Kalamazoo, Mich., 10 by chemical explosion... West Harvey, Ill., 7; train crashed into a bus.
Mar. 2—Near Brewton, Ala., 6 by boiler explosion.
13—New York, 11 by burning of the Bowery mission house.
16—Chicago, 10 in a burning office building.
19—Pratt City, Ala., 6 negro convicts in a mine explosion.
26—Near Lehigh, I. T., 5 during tornado... Kent Mine, 7, in burning home.
Apr. 29—Santa Cruz, Cal., 11 in powder mill explosion.
26—Near Dover, N. J., 6 by powder explosion.
28—St. Vincent, Mex., 15 by explosion of powder on pack train... In Dakota and Iowa, 8 in tornado.
May 6—In the Grand, Virdigris and Arkansas bottoms, Tex., floods drown 17 families.
19—Near Springdale, Pa., 6 swept off raft... In Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, 79 during cyclones.
26—Fraser lake, Alaska, 7 drowned while crossing the ice... At Iron Mountain, Mich., 4 in fire.
27—Pittsville, Pa., 6 drowned in a mine.
Jun. 14—St. Louis City, Mo., 3 in mine disaster.
15—Near Kansas City, 8 by cloudburst... Near New York, 5 drowned in a schooner collision.
28—On the route from Seattle to Alaska, 97 by drowning, cold and hunger.
Jul. 4—Near Beverly, Mass., 6 by capsizing of steamer... 12 by tornado at Hampton, N. H.
6—South of Sable islands, 565 drowned by collision of French liner La Bourgogne with English, Cromartyshire.
8—Steeleville, Mo., 13 by waterspout.
11—Cleveland, O., 11 by explosion in tunnel.
12—Pompton, N. J., 8 in powder works explosions.
30—San Francisco, 5 in burning building... Humansville, Mo., 6 while fording river in wagon.
Aug. 8—Near Dover Point, N. H., 5 by capsizing of boat.
9—In Kuskokwim river, Alaska, 18 by sinking of steamer.
19—Near Pittsburgh, Pa., 3 by drowning caused by cloudburst.
21—At Hot Springs, Ark., 6 in burning hotel... Sharon, Mass., 6 in train collision.
22—Near Pittsburgh, Pa., 7 by caving in of earth tunnel... 8 at Golteaweh Station, Tenn., by powder plant explosion.
29—Steamer on way to Alaska sinks, 43 by drowning.
Sep. 2—At St. Pauline, Ind., 7 by premature dynamite explosion.
4—In Mississippi river, near Fort St. Philip, 6 by steamboat explosion... 50 by heat in New York city.
5—At Cubana, N. Y., 28 by trolley car and train collision.
11—Jerome, A. T., over 30 by fire... Over 15 in Philadelphia by gasoline explosion.
26—Toledo, O., 10 in explosion of dust in elevator.

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